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In re the Application of:

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For. SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: April 20, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page seven of this paper.